



## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



**Request Number:** F-2020-00919

**Keyword:** Crime

**Subject:** Coronavirus (Covid 19) Lockdown Crimes

### Request and Answer:

Your request for information has now been considered. In respect of Section 1(1)(a) of the Act I can confirm that the Police Service of Northern Ireland does hold information to which your request relates. The decision has been taken to disclose the following.

#### Request 1

What is the total number of lockdown fines issued for members of the public whom have been travelling to nonessential journeys from the start of lockdown when the government had passed the necessary measures for UK forces to legally issue said fines to yesterday (27/04/2020) as we are only in the morning of today so numbers for today could rise. (Total number for the entire region of which PSNI covers).

#### Answer

The total number of Covid-19 Penalty Notices issued for breach of Regulation 5, restriction on movement for the period 23 March 2020 to the 27 April 2020 is 354.

For your information PSNI social media platforms will be kept updated with figures of the number of fines and Community Resolution Notices issued under The Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) Regulations (NI) 2020 on Wednesday each week going forward.

#### Request 2

Total number of general non-specific crimes reported since the very start of lock down (23/03/2020) (Total number for the entire region of which PSNI covers)

#### Answer

Statistics Branch have started to publish a bulletin covering the changes to police recorded crime since lockdown measures were introduced on 23 March 2020. It can be found using the following link

<https://www.psni.police.uk/inside-psni/Statistics/police-recorded-crime-statistics/>.

#### Request 3

Total number of (Q2) crimes reported that had been attended to or in any way progressed from just a report. (So whether those whom had been victim in said crimes saw any response from PSNI. (total number for the entire region of which PSNI covers)

**Answer**

All crimes are progressed whether by police attending an incident, resolved by Telephone Resolution Unit etc.

If you have any queries regarding your request or the decision please do not hesitate to contact me on 028 9070 0164. When contacting the Corporate Information Branch, please quote the reference number listed at the beginning of this letter.

If you are dissatisfied in any way with the handling of your request, you have the right to request a review. You should do this as soon as possible or in any case within two months of the date of issue of this letter. In the event that you require a review to be undertaken, you can do so by writing to the Head of Corporate Information Branch, PSNI Headquarters, 65 Knock Road, Belfast, BT5 6LE or by emailing [foi@psni.pnn.police.uk](mailto:foi@psni.pnn.police.uk).

If following an internal review, carried out by an independent decision maker, you were to remain dissatisfied in any way with the handling of the request you may make a complaint, under Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act, to the Information Commissioner's Office and ask that they investigate whether the PSNI has complied with the terms of the Freedom of Information Act. You can write to the Information Commissioner at Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF. In most circumstances the Information Commissioner will not investigate a complaint unless an internal review procedure has been carried out, however the Commissioner has the option to investigate the matter at his discretion.

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Personal details in respect of your request have, where applicable, been removed to protect confidentiality.